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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE (FORSETER, 8-597-0620)

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1. AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV AND AMCONSUL JERUSALEM HAVE SUITABLE ROOMS AND VIDEO TAPE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR TAKING DEPOSITIONS. IN ORDER TO RESERVE SPACE AND EQUIPMENT, REQUEST YOU ADVISE EMBASSY AND CONGEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF EXACT DATES.

2. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DEPOSITION TAKING PLACE AT EMBASSY AND CONGEN BEFORE U.S. DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY. THEY ASKED US TO SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST OF WITNESSES TO BE DEPOSED, AS ISRAELI AUTHORITIES SHOULD ASK WITNESSES TO APPEAR. PLEASE ADVISE NAMES OF WITNESSES INCLUDING ADDRESSES, IF AVAILABLE, SO THAT WE MAY SEND REQUEST.

3. MFA OFFICIAL OFFERED SUGGESTION THAT YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE PROCEEDINGS TAKE PLACE BEFORE ISRAELI MAGISTRATE IN COURT WITH U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. ATTORNEY PRESENT, AS WITNESSES TESTIFYING BEFORE U.S. ATTORNEY COULD NOT BE CHARGED UNDER ISRAELI LAW IF THEY COMMIT PERJURY. WE ALSO CONTACTED STATE ATTORNEY GABRIEL BACH WHO STATED THAT HE WAS UNCERTAIN

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AS TO WHETHER A WITNESS COMMITTING PERJURY BEFORE A U.S. ATTORNEY COULD BE CHARGED WITH PERJURY, BUT HE COULD CHECK THE STATUTES. HE INFORMED US THAT THERE IS NO TREATY BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL FOR TAKING DEPOSITIONS ON BEHALF OF U.S. AUTHORITIES BEFORE MAGISTRATE IN ISRAELI COURT. IF YOU WISH TO DO SO, HE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR DEPOSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE MAGISTRATE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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